



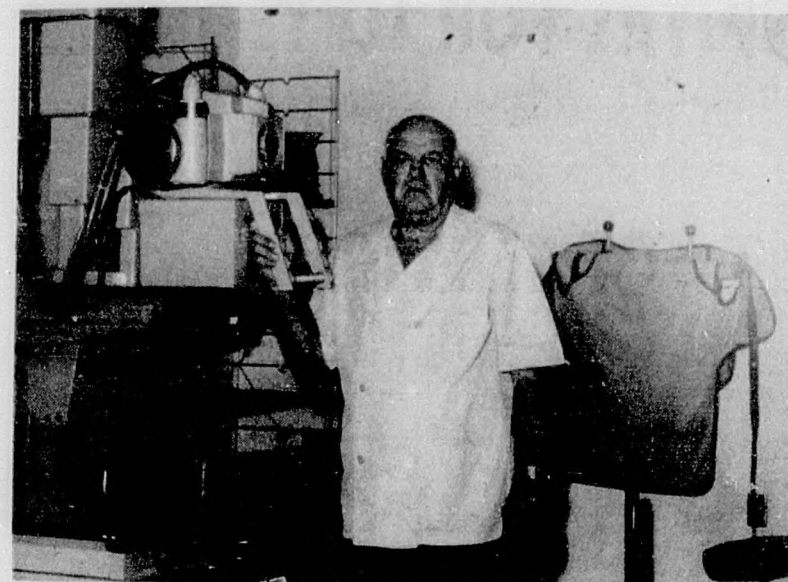
A post group of Candy Strippers, Red Cross Instructor Lee Meyers and Nurse Evelyn Duncan



Nurse Bernice Donaldson and Dr. J. M. Kimney



Employees who participated in one of Elba General's in-service education courses taught by a representative from the Trade and Industrial Education Division of the University of Alabama. Charles Jacobs, local DO coordinator at that time, presents certificate. Lowell Benton, Administrator is also present.



George Keltner and one of the X-Ray machines

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## BANANA PLANT GIVES FORTH FRUIT

The banana plant at the Elba courthouse is actually producing a stalk of bananas this year. Shown with the bananas is Jimmy Foley who watches the bush (or tree) each year with great anticipation. Monday of this week he reported to The Elba Clipper that he should put a picture of the bananas in the paper and agreed to pose with them if we would be sure we used it on the front page.

Bananas are native of Africa but are now widely grown in other tropical areas. In this area it is very unusual for the plant to actually produce any fruit because of the cold snaps common to the area during the winter months. The banana plant has a stalk with little or no woody tissue and dies down to the roots in winter. Some people attempt to protect it from the cold in efforts to produce fruit but often even this is unsuccessful with the tender banana plant. The courthouse plant had no protection of this kind and in spite of the heavy snow this year is producing one stalk of bananas.

## Edmonson Hurt When Mower Overturns

The Elba Rescue Squad rushed Mr. Milton Edmonson to the Elba General Hospital Monday evening after he suffered a severe cut when his riding lawnmower overturned at his home on West Buford. Mr. Edmonson was in the emergency room for 2-1/2 hours as the medical staff cleaned and sewed up the calf of his right leg.

Tuesday evening the hospital staff reported he was doing fine but his leg was awfully sore.

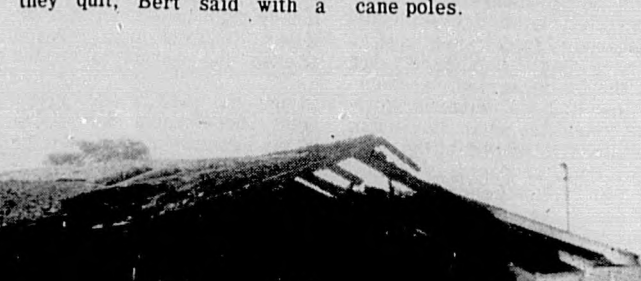


## FIRE REPORT

The Elba Fire Department reports three runs during the period of August 7 through 14. They were: two calls to the home of Eva Mae Smith, which was demolished. Another call was to a vacant house on Guyton Street which also burned.

## YOUTHS SHOW LARGE CATCH

These two young men were bubbling with joy on Tuesday (August 7) when they stopped at the office of The Elba Clipper with this fine string of fish caught in Pea River. The youngsters, Tracy Fugitt, left, and Bert Morrow, right, caught the 26 pounds of fish in about two hours, and when asked why they quit, Bert said with a note of irritation "I had to come to hand practice."



## Fire Destroys Home Burns Youth

A fire raged through the home of Mrs. Eva Mae Smith on Thursday night, August 9, virtually destroying it. The cause of the fire has not been determined. Mrs. Smith's grandson, Larry Johnson, age 17, was in the house at the time the fire began. He has stated that he was on the sofa when he heard a sizzling noise and got to the pantry door about the time the hot water heater exploded. He had extensive burns over 70% of his body and his condition was listed as serious when he was transferred from Elba General Hospital on Saturday, August 11th to the Mobile burns unit in Mobile, Al.

A neighbor of Mrs. Smith's said that Mrs. Smith had gone to church, and that she was just walking out of her house to go to work when she heard something that sounded like a gun shot and looked over to see the whole upper end of the house on fire. The Elba Fire Department fought the fire frantically for well over an hour trying to bring the blaze under control. One of the fireman, Charles Boswell, fell over an ironing board and hurt his knee. He was taken to the hospital where they X-rayed his knee and released him.

## Teen Council Sets Rules For Center

The Elba Teen Council met on Monday night, August 6, to establish rules and regulations governing the recreation center. Members of this council are Tommy Skinner, Sandra Clark, Johnny Davis, Virginia Stephens, Richard Clark, and Becky Smart.

**RULES SET**  
The following rules were passed: Friday and Saturday nights are designated as teen nights. Horseplay, running in building, and destruction of property will not be tolerated. Pool will be 20¢ a game. Table tennis shall be 25¢ a ball with a reimbursement of 15¢ when returned to teen manager. Lights must be kept on at all times. No boys allowed in hall to girls' bathroom. No littering on floors, use waste disposals. Use phone only when necessary. No sitting on game tables allowed. There shall be no drinking of alcoholic beverages. There shall be no profanity spoken. Fighting and wrestling not allowed. Parking of motor vehicles must be on front and left side only. Age limits: No one allowed until they reach their thirteenth birthday. Nineteen will be the maximum age unless you become twenty during the summer. In this case, you are permitted to come until September.

Only students or residents of Elba are permitted to come unless they are registered guests of an Elba person. All violations should be reported to the teen club manager. Punishment for violations: Destruction of property must be paid for. A warning is first given for a violation. A second warning will result in a suspension for the rest of the week-end. Any other misconduct will result in a suspension for one month plus parents of this person will be informed of misbehavior.

Parents as well as teen-agers are asked by the Teen Council to express their opinion on the operation of the rec center.

## Civil Defense Meeting Called For Monday

The Coffee County Commission has scheduled a meeting on Civil Defense for Monday, August 20th in the New Brockton Farm Center. Invited to the meeting are mayors and councilmen from the four municipalities of Coffee County.

The purpose of the meeting will be to attempt to get an active Civil Defense program working in Coffee County and to have it a co-operative effort of all the county governing bodies. Representatives of the State Civil Defense office will be on hand to answer any technical questions that might arise at the meeting. The meeting has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

## Mrs. Boswell Receives Thanks From Society

Tuesday of this week, Mrs. Wayne Boswell was presented a certificate of appreciation from the Alabama Society of Crippled Children and Adults for her years of unselfish service to the community. The certificate was presented to her by Mr. Paul H. "Dixie" Dunbar of Montgomery, Field Representative for the society.

## Sr Citizens- Ceramics Class At CAP

The Sr. citizens meet each 1st and 3rd Thursday at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Action Center on W. Putnam St. A ceramic class is held each Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 p.m.



## Elba High Prepares For Football

Head Coach Paul Bass has been reluctant to give much information concerning the Elba Tigers' starting team this year because the team has so much talent. He feels there are many boys who could play each position and it has been hard for him to decide who will get the starting positions. This year Elba will have only three returning varsity players - they are Jeff Bimbo, defensive halfback; Demp Holley, fullback; and Mike McGuire, offensive guard. Including these three lettermen there will be only five other returning lettermen - Charles Ellis, Barry Farris, Bill Mickle, Ronnie Mickle, and Lamar Sasser.

For Elba football fans the season might look formidable, but the Tigers will have plenty of speed and size and a desire to win, which has been a trademark of the Elba team for many years. Coach Bass urges everyone to support the team this season and attend every football game.



QUARTERBACK CHARLES ELLIS & RUNNING BACKS BILL MICKLE, DEMP HOLLEY, LAMAR SASSER RUN THROUGH PLANS



SCENE AT FARM CENTER

## Farm Center Dedicated Friday In New Brockton

Senator Jim Allen was guest speaker at the dedication ceremonies of the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton. The Farm Center will seat 2,500 for livestock exhibitions and portable chairs can be used for other types of shows. Wrestling matches are already being held there.

Tom Casaday, county extension chairman, was master of ceremonies. State Rep. Douglas Easters informed people attending the ceremonies that he has introduced a bill in the Legislature for a \$50,000 appropriation to add a livestock holding facility to the complex. Facilities are included for County Extension Service, the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, the Soil Conservation Service, Farmers Home Administration and County Engineer.

Proteste Judge James L. Sawyer said that the Farm Center was made possible by a \$350,000 grant from the Economic Development Administration with the remainder of the \$778,000 contract being supplied by the Coffee County Commission.

## ALLEN DINNER A SUCCESS

Senator Jim Allen was speaker at a barbeque dinner at the Elba Middle School on Friday, August 10th. He was awarded the Key to the City of Elba by Mayor Jack Brunson. Shortly afterwards, Senator Allen spoke for a few minutes on several topics. Included in his speech was his duties as a representative of the people of Alabama.

Senator Allen also stated that he believed more goods should be kept at home so that price increases might ease.

Senator Allen added that he would continue to vote for the best interests of Alabama.



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## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

My family made it back from the Smoky Mountains all in one piece, much to the distress of a few people who had expressed a strong desire that the bears would take a liking to me. The thing is, the only bears we saw were in cages around some of the tourist traps. We did have a good time but this week I am wondering if it was worth the confusion. It has created for me. It seems I have been gone for years and can't seem to catch up with what is going on around Coffee County.

One of Elba's charming ladies brought to my attention Monday that actor Jerry Lewis is again going to bat for children with Mycular Dystrophy. This year he has the help of the Kimberly Clark Paper Company which is paying \$50 for each premium seal from their products to the Muscular Dystrophy Association of America. The company makes such products as Kleenex tissues and paper towels and Kleenex Boutique bathroom tissues. If you use the product, help these crippled children find a cure for their problem. Send your premium seals to HAND OF HOPE, P.O. Box 9173, St. Paul, Minnesota, before September 30th. It takes only a little effort on the part of the user, and could help these kids.

The shortage of red meat (beef) in our grocery stores is real, but I wonder if it would hardly be noticed if the store had not caused so many of us to stock up on beef either before it ran out or before the price goes up. So do like to leave my school teacher friends about their three-month-a-year vacation with pay. This always brings a frown and a justly so. Most of our teachers deserve far more money than they are getting, even if the pay raise the state is apparently planning to give them. The others don't even deserve to be standing before our youngsters at such a tender age as any price. Maybe as youngsters as we will get enough good teachers trained and eliminate the ones who fall in this group.

Monday I was relating to Owen Ziglar an aggravating situation that happened here earlier in the day. An unknown caller who hung up when asked who was calling, told of city crews cutting trees on property of the father of Councilman Ben Carpenter and wouldn't cut trees at the home of this unknown caller. It so happened that Ziglar knew all about the tree cutting on Fred Carpenter's property. Mr. Carpenter had asked him if it could be done, and after looking at the trees, Ziglar worked out with the Light and Water Department to cut the trees when they had time and Carpenter would pay for the work by the hour. Ziglar stated that if any other citizen wanted this service on the same basis, it was available but cautioned that Carpenter had waited three months before the city crews could get to the cutting job.

We encourage information and complaints from local citizens but please show us the courtesy of telling the person who is calling. We will never betray a confidence if asked, as many who have sought political office or filed complaints, will tell you. Several times this year we have had to ignore well-written and very timely letters to the editor because of our policy of knowing the writer of all letters to the Editor we publish.

Alabama's U.S. Senator

## Jim Allen Reports To The People

## New Southeastern Regional Cancer Center In Birmingham Is Tribute To State

I am very pleased that after many years of hard work and intensive efforts on the part of many Alabamians, the University of Alabama Medical Center has been selected to serve as the Southeastern Regional Cancer Center—one of only eight such centers in the nation. This is an honor which reflects credit on the quality and potential of the medical research, education and practice at the University of Alabama Medical Center, and it proves the wisdom and foresight of the people of Alabama in providing the funds which built the center at a time when tax money was in short supply.

The Medical Center, which includes the Medical and Dental Colleges and University Hospital, the Southern Research Institute, the Spain Rehabilitation Center—all of these institutions have worked together to make Birmingham and Alabama one of the world's great heart centers, and I am confident that they will be satisfied with nothing less than the recognition of Birmingham and Alabama as one of the world's great cancer centers as well.

Two years ago I spoke before the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee urging the establishment of a regional cancer center in Birmingham.

## Rescue Squad Commended By Governor

Captain Ray Norris

Elba Rescue Squad

P. O. Box 264

Elba, Alabama 36323

Dear Ray:

My Civil Defense Director C. J. Sullivan, has told me many times during this unusually disastrous Spring and Summer about the outstanding job our Alabama Rescue Squad is doing all over the state in helping to save lives and relieve human suffering.

C. J. tells me that you are a disaster strikes, you people

are always among the first to arrive and the last to leave. That you are well trained, well organized, and you are not bashful about going to work. I'm told that you have completed our overall Civil Defense Program tremendously. I've also seen many news items praising your work. As your governor, I would like to commend you and thank you as a group and as individuals, for your interest, your concern and your dedicated spirit in serving our fellow citizens in such a magnificent way.

It's people like you who inspire me every time I get a chance to tell folks all over America how proud I am of the people in Alabama and how proud I am to serve as your Governor!

Please express my feeling of gratitude, pride and appreciation to all the members of your squad.

Sincerely,

George C. Wallace

Governor

## FAN IT - - - DON'T CAP IT!



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## COFFEE

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We have had dozens of Coffee County farmers in the office this week getting permits for the use of chemicals to control weeds in peanuts. They are requesting permits for the use of Azoform, Laminate and other chemicals. The law on the use of restricted pesticides passed a year or so ago, requires that a permit be secured before using any of these materials.

I am glad to report that all Coffee County farmers are complying with this regulation. The whole purpose of it is to insure the safe use of some of the highly toxic pesticides. I surely want to urge Coffee County farmers to be extremely careful in the use of these materials. It is also equally important to instruct those young people and others who are using these materials for the first time in safe use.

**SHOWERS**  
"Times change!" A few years back I always hated to see it rain much in August. This was because we were planting a lot of cotton and rain just made the boll weevils worse.

However, it is difficult to get too much rain on peanuts, pastures, lawns and other crops in August because of the excellent growth. I smile every time it rains now. Sometimes folks complain about too much rain, but believe me it is difficult to get too much rain in as hot as it is and as dry as the crops are getting.

**NUTRACON CONTROL**  
We have a good demonstration at the Farm Center on the control of nutracon. It is a very farmer in America knows about the evils of nutracon. We are killing it in our newly established soybean grass lawn at the Farm Center by using a material called MSMA. We have two young men working with us this summer at the Farm Center. We cautioned them carefully not to skip over any of the steps. We are spraying the whole area. Suddenly, it got pretty hot one afternoon, and they skipped about a six or seven foot strip. Nobody had to tell them that and missed it because it is so obvious.

You can't use this material on St. Augustine and centipede lawns. It works fine to get rid of weeds in soybean grass and Bermuda grass lawns. This material will also control bahiagrass. Some folks might want to use it where they don't want bahiagrass and centipede. HOG PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION

Walter Waters, president of the Hog Producers Association, and the officers and directors

## Cattle Rustling In Alabama A Crisis

BY TOM CASADAY, COUNTY EXTENSION CHAIRMAN

Declaring cattle rustling in Alabama a crisis, State Public Safety Director, Colonel E. C. Doherty, said, "All trucks transporting livestock will be under close scrutiny of Troopers. In an effort to bring it under control."

"Latest figures available indicate that more than twice as many cattle thefts were reported during the first six months of this year than in the same period last year," Colonel Doherty said, "and in view of the current beef shortage, it is expected to get even worse."

Alabama law requires anyone who has livestock for hire to have a Bill of Sale or Bill of Lading in his possession, and the law is being strictly enforced, although not a law, should have proof of ownership. The law is being strictly enforced, although not a law, should have proof of ownership.

The Director said, "I am asking all livestock owners to support us in this endeavor by doing the following: Make daily headcounts of all your herds and inspections of your fields and pastures to see that no livestock have been stolen or slaughtered; keep your fence line in good repair; and if you suspect a rustler, report it to your nearest State Trooper office at once."

Cattle theft in Alabama is a felony and carries a penalty of one to ten years in prison. Colonel Doherty said, "and we are going to exert every effort to enforce it to the letter of the law. We are not going to rest until we bring this situation under control."

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## COFFEE CONSERVATION

BY RICHURD, FAULK & CLARK

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

**NO-TILL TOUR**

No-till farming is rapidly gaining in popularity all across the Southeast. This past Wednesday, August 15, a group of Coffee County farmers met and took a tour to observe some corn planted by the no-till method. We visited the Hardin Brothers' farm, just north of Brundidge, in Pike County.

The Hardin brothers planted a few acres of no-till corn last year and liked it so well, they planted their entire corn crop to no-till this year. No-till corn is usually planted in the stubble of a small grain or in last year's corn residue. Parquat and a residual herbicide are used. The corn is not in full compliance with the law which requires that the fields be inspected to control emerging weeds. No land preparation is necessary, which greatly reduces the erosion. The corn is not cultivated, and only three trips over the field are required. Once to plant; once to apply seed dressing; and once to harvest.

**MULCHING**

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